

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

Big Stone Conservation District FY08 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

- Soil Erosion
- Water Quality
- Non-point Source Pollution (well decommissioning)
- Invasive Species Removal
- Habitat Conservation

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

None

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Applications addressing non-point source pollution and water quality with well decommissioning.

Applications addressing soil erosion with structural practices.

Applications addressing soil erosion with residue management specifically with strip till.

Applications addressing invasive species removal (Russian Olive, buckthorn, Siberian Elm).

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION – the application will decommission a well to improve water quality concerns. 30 pts.

SOIL EROSION – the application will address residue management by converting to strip tillage to reduce erosion. 10 pts

SOIL EROSION – the application will address soil erosion by installing structural practices to reduce erosion. 10 pts

HABITAT CONSERVATION – the application will remove invasive species (i.e. Siberian elm, Russian olive, buckthorn) to improve habitat. 10 pts

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.

6. **Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.**
7. **List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document**

The LWG reviewed the docket and had no recommendations for deletions to the Conservation Practice Payment Document.

The new prices for the District tree and fabric are included for information on current pricing.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 08 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group

Date